



## National Workgroup to Address the Needs of Children and Youth Who Are LGBTQI2-S and Their Families

*~Affirming LGBTQI2-S youth and families through full inclusion~*

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### MARYLAND STATE REPORT

#### Living in the Margins

Formed in May 2013, the Youth Equality Alliance (YEA) is a Maryland statewide group of advocates and professionals from various services providers, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies that seeks to identify policy, regulatory, and best-practices solutions to problems faced by LGBTQ youth. The YEA's first report – this report – "Living in the Margins", briefly outlines the current challenges facing LGBTQ youth as they navigate Maryland's education, foster care, and juvenile justice systems, and proposes specific and realistic recommendations for addressing these challenges.

You can access the [full report](#) online. You can also access a Baltimore Sun [news article](#) about the report online.

### WORKGROUP MEMBER NEWS

#### Congratulations to Caitlin Ryan!

Congratulations to Caitlin, who is receiving the NALGAP (National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Addiction Professionals) Founder's Award at the association's upcoming meeting. Please see the attachments for more information on this esteemed award and the filming Caitlin and her team will be facilitating in St. Louis.

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